

The Turning Point

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Member since 2012

*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is at
Lee Valley Tools
100 Susie Lake Crescent, Halifax, N.S.
September 17, 2018. 6:45 p.m.*

The next meeting will feature
Lathe and Workshop Setup & Maintenance
With Bill Luther



The President's Message September 2018

Gary Landry

Well here we are again, about to start a new and exciting year of membership meetings. As in our recent past we will be continuing to use the facilities of Lee Valley to hold our meetings. The current schedule of meeting dates and topics for the presentations for each date can be found on our website under the “Calendar” tab on the top of the page. And the schedule is always listed in our monthly newsletter. We have some interesting topics coming up and it is assured that you will get great value for your annual dues.

This summer saw the **Annual Guild BBQ** happen at the home of our gracious hosts, **Debbie and Ted Monk**. There were a lot of stories told (some may have even been true), good food provided and eaten (too copiously by me). The auction was a great success and Norm has stashed away the funds to provide even better prizes for our upcoming raffle draws at our meetings.

The Executive has met and dealt with the *Financial Reports* for the last two years and you will be given an update by **Dave McLachlan** at our September meeting. Also you will be asked your opinion of keeping our expenses/revenues in an online log and asked to vote on implementing the option.

The Executive has completed all the paperwork for the Registry of Joint Stocks and they should have been submitted by the time you read this newsletter. Discussion about recruiting new members was promising as several new avenues of recruitment were proposed and I see our Membership Chair, **Brian Larter** giving it a good go. It was announced that our Guild Forum on the website is now functioning as originally planned and members are encouraged to explore this avenue of getting and giving tips and advice. A motion was passed to combine the Events and Competition Committees because it was expected that there will be less work for each so it was better to put the activities under one Chairperson. Another motion to make the Vice President responsible for recruiting nominations for the elections at the AGM also passed.

And finally, you will be asked at the September meeting to approve the *purchase of a video camera* that is capable of recording our activities at our meetings (demos, show and tell, etc.). While the camera we have now is a great camera, it has lost its' ability to record to tape. Repairs would not only require us to pay to ship it to Ontario and back, but the repairs themselves are quite costly. Our estimation is that the shipping and repairs could easily outstrip the cost of a new camera that can record to SD cards instead of tape (less moving parts should mean less to break down). We also propose *buying a microphone* so all our members can hear a presentation. Please pay attention to the financial reports at this meeting so you can make up your mind whether you support this acquisition or not.

Well this is my first newsletter report as President and it was not as hard to produce as I thought it would be. I am feeling quite sure that we are about to have a great meeting season.

Stay safe and turn some wood!

Gary Landry

Miscellaneous

Resources:

Richard Ford has put some Excel spreadsheets on the NWG website that allow you to calculate the cuts and dimensions for straight and tapered staves. Check them out on the Hints & Tips page:

<http://www.novawoodturnersguild.com/hints.php>

Turning 150

We met and exceeded our “Turning 150” goal – collectively we turned and donated to good causes over 150 items that went to raise money over the last year, since we took on this challenge.

I had hoped to generate some publicity around this fact. However, a summer cold/flu laid me low from late June to mid-July so that fell by the wayside, I fear. However, *we* know we did it!!!!

Dianne Looker

Pre-meeting Demo – Chuck Jaw Storage System with David McLachlan

David McLachlan gave an overview of the system he has developed for storing and organizing different sets of jaws for his chucks. Each set of jaws is held in its own shallow box with dividers to prevent contact that keeps them together and protected. The holder is constructed as follows:

Making the Box:

- A 4inch square of ¾” Baltic birch plywood forms the core of the box
- A 3¼” hole is cut through the centre of the plywood core, using a hole saw, to form the cavity for the jaws
- ¼” birch plywood is used as the floor of the box
- Dados are cut at 90 degrees across the floor to accept thin hardwood splines. These will act as dividers to keep the jaws separate
- A ¼” hole is drilled in the centre of the floor and the floor is mounted on a screw chuck
- A circular Dado is cut in the floor to accept the registration ridge on the underside of the jaws (this will be different widths and diameters for different brands of chucks)
- The underside of the core is similarly dadoed so it fits over the splines

Making the Lid:

- Piece of hardwood (minimum blank size 3½“ diameter by 1” thick) is mounted on the screw chuck and turned to form a round lid
- Form a depression in the top of the lid
- Reverse the blank on the screw chuck and reduce the diameter of the underside of the lid bottom of the lid so that it will set into the box core
- Cut a circular dado on the underside of the lid to accept the tops of the chuck jaws when the lid is fitted onto the box
- Remove the lid from the chuck and cut it in two on a table saw or mitre saw
- Glue a hardwood spline between the two halves of the lid and clamp until the glue is set
- Remount the lid on the screw chuck and shape the spline as needed to match the lid profile at the edges – do not reduce the centre of the spline as this will form the finger grip for removing the lid

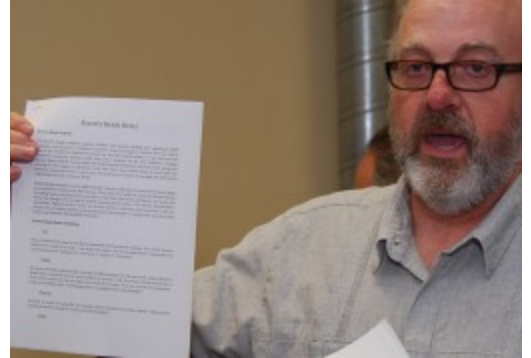
Final Assembly:

- Glue the floor to the box core and clamp
- Trim the sides of the box with a straight router bit to clean up any protruding ends of the splines
- Round the corners with a ½” or ¾” radius round over router bit to remove sharp corners and make it easier to pick up the boxes
- Countersink the hole in the bottom of the box and glue in a ¼ x 1” flat head machine screw to form a threaded post in the centre of the box
- Drill to enlarge the mounting hole in the underside of the lid to the correct diameter and insert a ¼” threaded insert
- Once the jaws are placed in the box, the lid is threaded onto the bolt/post in the centre and holds the jaws securely in place.

These storage boxes can be purchased from Dave for **\$15**, with **\$8** going to the Guild as a donation.

Announcements:

- The Annual Guild BBQ is again being hosted by **Ted Monk** and his wife **Debra** at their home in Dartmouth on **August 11th**. Rain date will be Aug 12th. Please feel free to bring spouses / partners. Thank you again to Ted and Debra for their hospitality.
- **Dianne Looker** announced that we are now well over the 150 charity donation items so have met our “Turning 150” challenge ably. Congratulations and ‘Thank you’ to all who contributed. Thanks also to **Richard Ford** for helping to showcase these items on the website.
- **Brian Sharp** distributed a detailed info sheet on the Bravery Beads program at IWK. The IWK contacted the Guild in April to say they very much appreciated the support of this program and the inventory of boxes was getting low. The Guild will again be partnering with the AWA and the Quilters’ groups from last year to create and donate boxes for kids undergoing treatments to store beads in. The information sheet will be in the next newsletter.



Annual General Meeting – (Draft) Minutes June 18, 2018

Past President **Dianne Looker** called the Annual General meeting to order at 6:55pm.

There were twenty-one (21) members and three (3) guests present.

1. Agenda:

The agenda for the AGM was reviewed and approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

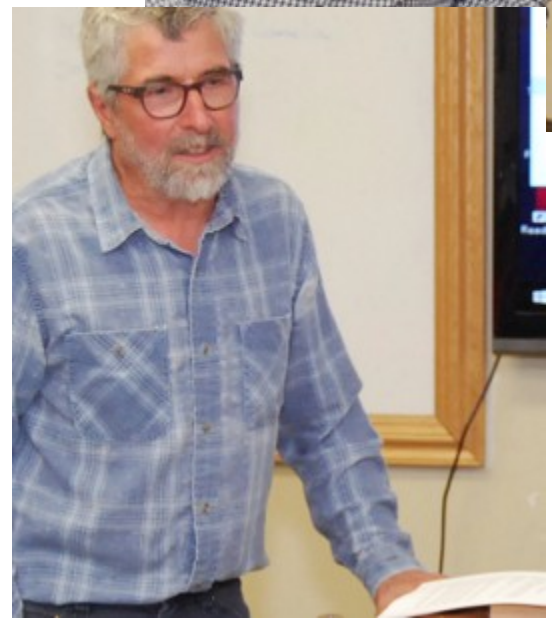
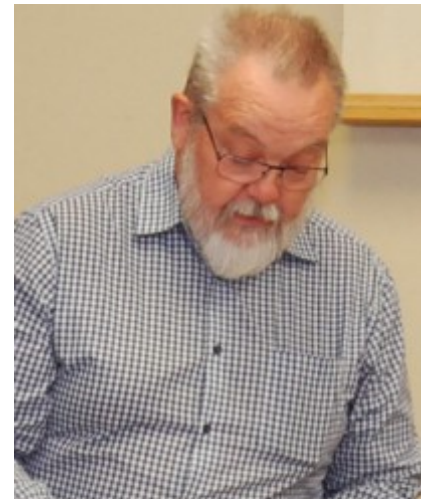
The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were read by Secretary **Calum Ewing**. There were no additions or corrections. Calum moved the 2017 minutes be approved as read. Seconded: **Bill Maes**. Approved by majority.

3. Reports:

President's Report:

President **David McLachlan** presented his report on activities for the 2017-18 year. With reluctance, Dave is stepping down from the role of President. There have been a number of positive changes over the past two years, including:

- Regular pre-meeting demos / social time
- More women joining as members
- Visitors or prospective members attending most meetings.



It is important for members to attend meetings and engage and learn to enhance the experience. Members will benefit from coming out to learn and connect with all who are at the meeting. There is great knowledge in the Guild and a strong willingness to share, so one can learn from a lot more than just the main demo topic.

David moved acceptance of the President's Report / Seconded by **Yogi Gutz**. Approved by majority.

Dianne Looker rose to thank David for his efforts in his time as President – and for his generosity, dedication and energy in doing a lot of things such as demos well beyond the role of President.

Treasurer's Report:

Due to a number of factors, a formal Financial Report has not been completed

Dianne Looker and **David McLachlan** have been auditing the Guild finances in collaboration with Treasurer **Brenna Swinamer**.

Appointment of Auditors:

Dianne Looker proposed that **David McLachlan** and **Dianne Looker** act as Auditors to prepare formal financial statements and a budget for the 2018-19 year.

David presented an interim financial report:

Interim Financial Report - 2017-18

Revenues:

Revenues from all sources for the 2017-18 year were \$3,376.00, an increase of \$726 above the budget for the year.

Expenses:

Total Expenses tracked very well with the budget, with many items being exactly on the budgeted amount.

There were a few variations from the anticipated budget:

- AAW Fees – to maintain status as a Chapter of the AAW, all Executive members must be AAW members. In 2017-18, no reimbursement of membership costs were requested by the Executive resulting in a savings of \$250
- Competition expenses were \$135 over the budgeted amount, largely due to some supplies running low and needing to be replenished
- BBQ, Fun Turn and Raffle expenses were lower than budgeted resulting in a combined savings of \$173

Total expenses for the year were \$2800.61

This left a surplus (revenues less expenses) for the year of \$575.39 which was slightly greater than the budgeted surplus of \$398.39.

David was asked what the budget year was for the Guild. The Guild financial year runs from July 1st to June 30th. David was also asked why the 2016-17 Financial Statements were not attached to the AGM minutes. Formal financial statements for the 2016-17 year have not been received from the Treasurer.

Motion: David McLachlan moved that the financial report be accepted as read, noting that completed Financial Statements were not included. Audited Financial Statements and a budget for the 2018-19 year will be distributed by email in 2 weeks for review and a vote by members. Seconded by Dianne Looker. Approved – unanimous.

Library Report:

Jim Diamond continues to share Library duties with **Richard Ford**. Jim handles the magazines and subscriptions, while Richard handles the Books, DVD's and other materials. Jim provided a brief report on Library activities and holdings:

- There are 1050 items available for borrowing. This includes:
 - 69 books
 - 91 DVD's
 - Several tools
 - Numerous back issues of magazines. The Guild currently subscribes to the Journal of the American Association of Woodturners (JAAW) and to Woodturning magazine (UK). There are also other magazines from previous subscriptions, some of which are no longer publishing.

Members are encouraged to use the library – it is a tremendous resource.

Jim was asked if we have, or if we can get an index or back issues on DVD. This varies from publication to publication. For American Woodturner (AAW) an index of previous articles is available on the AAW website and AAW members can access all back issues of the magazine online.

Jim was also asked if it was possible to reserve particular meetings for pick up at the next meeting. Yes, anyone wanting a particular item just needs to contact Jim or Richard to reserve it. A listing of all the Library books and DVD's is on the Guild website.

Jim moved that the Library report be accepted as presented. Seconded: **Robert Atkinson**. Approved by majority.

Website Report:

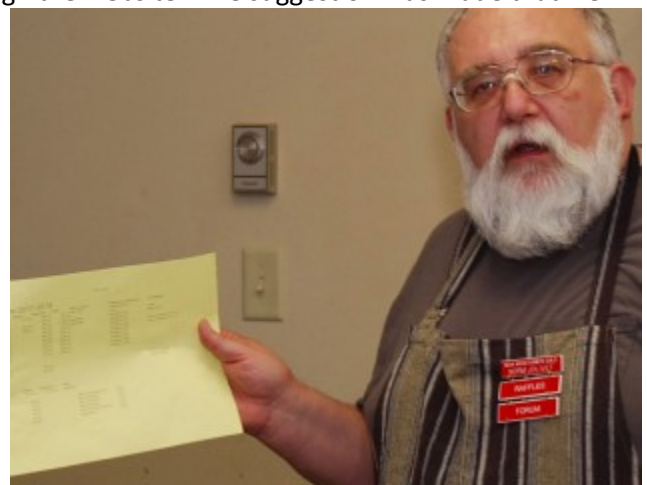
Richard Ford provided a report on the NWG website and its use. He now has all the required access codes and passwords to manage the website. The website received 20,303 visitors last year and averages 1692 per day. These visitors made 40,547 visits averaging 3379 per day. More than half of the visits are from the United States. **Ted Monk's** article "How to Make a Spindle Steady Rest" continues to be the most popular download.

David McLachlan moved acceptance of the report as presented. Seconded by **Jim Diamond**. Approved by majority.

One of the visitors at the meeting (**Brian Larter**) commented that the Guild website was why he came to the meeting but noted that he could not join the Guild online through the website. The suggestion was made that we create a specific email address (eg. new.members@novawoodturnersguild.com) to assist prospective member get in touch with the right people.

Fundraising Committee Report:

Norm Jolivet and **Yogi Gutz** continue to lead the fundraising efforts for the Guild. This has been primarily through the regular raffles. Since April 17 (and not including this meeting), the raffles have collected \$743 in revenues and spent \$124 in costs. This has netted \$619 in revenues for the Guild.



Competition Committee Report:

Gary Landry presented the Competition Committee Report for the year. The detailed report was previously published in the Newsletter and is appended to these minutes.

Gary moved acceptance of the report as previously published. Seconded by **Bill Maes**. Approved – unanimous.

Dave McLachlan thanked Gary and the Competition assistants (**Darrell Eisner, Glenn McCarron and Bill Maes**) for a well-run competition and thorough report.

Membership Committee Report:

Gary Landry provided a report on the work of the membership Committee, made up of himself and Norm Jolivet.

Activities for the year:

- A departure from the normal duties happened this year as Gary was seconded to chair the Competition Committee and conduct the competition event. As a result, **David McLachlan** most ably coordinated the recruitment and scheduling of volunteers for the Demo Booth at LV during the annual turning event.
- Visitors were greeted at meetings and the function of the Guild explained to them. **David McLachlan** or **Dianne Looker** formally introduced the visitors in front of the members present as a way of making the visitors feel welcome and encouraging them to consider becoming full members. Several new memberships resulted from these efforts.
- The Guild continued, in an ad hoc manner, with the idea to always have something active going on in the meeting room during the social hour. This has several topics to be demonstrated in an informal and down-and-dirty style. As expected, the reviews have been mixed. Some members feel these events should be covered as main demos during the actual meetings whereas others like the informality and the ability to get up close to the action.
- Name tags were ordered and distributed to those who were first-time, paid up members. However, this continues to be a disjointed process. A change to the membership form should be made asking if the person signing up has already been issued a name tag. This would go some way to ensuring the process is carried out properly.

Gary was asked if popular pre-meeting demos could be expanded to become full meeting demos. This is certainly a good approach and we can look at this for upcoming meetings to expand topics more fully.

Gary moved acceptance of the Membership report. Seconded by **Bill Luther**. Approved – unanimous.

Events Committee Report: - no report given

Nominating Committee:

There was no formal Nominating committee in place this year. However, **Dianne Looker** has taken the lead over the past few months to pull together a proposed slate of Executive officers and committee chairs for the 2018-19 year.

Prior to beginning the elections process, Dianne provided some comments on communications within the Guild and the Executive:

- We all need to take care in communications regarding the Guild, especially in emails where there is no tone of voice or other signals to guide interpretation;
- We need to communicate with each other with respect and on the understanding that others may have a legitimate perspective on an issue (different, but legitimate);

- If we need to vent we need to try to do it with respect. It's best to type a message and wait at least 24 hours then re-read it before sending.

Dianne presented the slate of candidates executive and Committee Chair positions. Two positions had no candidates standing:

- President – **Gary Landry** agreed to stand for President
- Treasurer – **David McLachlan** agreed to stand for Treasurer

Gary Landry vacated his role as Membership Chair if he was taking on President position

- Membership Chair – **Brian Larter** (visitor) agreed to take on this role and would assume the position as soon as he has formally joined the Guild.

There was a call for nominations from the floor for any position – none heard

Second call for nominations from the floor – none heard

Third call for nominations from the floor – none heard

Dianne Looker moved approval of the Executive as follows:

Directors

President	Gary Landry
Vice-President	Bill Maes
Treasurer	David McLachlan
Secretary	Calum Ewing
Director at Large	Bill Luther

Other positions

Library Chair(s)	Jim Diamond & Richard Ford
Newsletter	Dianne Looker
Competition Chair	David McLachlan
Events Chair	vacant
Membership Chair	Gary Landry (until Brian Larter formally takes over role)
Nominations Chair	vacant
Website Chair	Richard Ford
Fundraising Chair(s)	Yogi Gutz & Norm Jolivet
Photographer	Chris Palmer

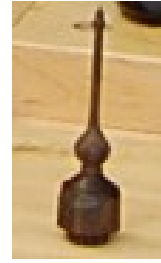
Seconded by **David McLachlan**. Approved - unanimous.

Calum Ewing moved that the Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Seconded by **Robert Atkinson**. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.



Show & Tell

A number of items were shown off in the Show & Tell session. The theme was “Finials”:



Dianne Looker showed off the finial she had created at one of the Ashley Harwood workshops earlier in the year.

Don Moore showed off a commemorative sculptural piece, titled “*Kanata*”, in honour of the 150th anniversary of Canada’s confederation.



David McLachlan showed off a handle / collet system he has been using recently. He uses ‘ER’ collets for holding fine work or drill bits, etc. Collets, because of the way they hold, can be used to hold work that has a very short tenon securely. He sources the collets at www.banggood.com. An arbour costs less than \$20.

about \$13 and a set of collets runs less

- The ER16 collet will hold
- The ER25 collet holds up to
- The ER32 collet holds up to
- Arbours are available in

from 1mm diameter up to 10mm (3/8”)
13mm (1/2”)
20mm (3/4”)
straight shaft or Morse taper versions

Raffle Results

Darren Eisan won a bowl blank in Ash; books; **Dianne Looker** took home a bowl blank.

John Ashton won twice – a bowl blank and 2

Meeting Dates for 2018-19

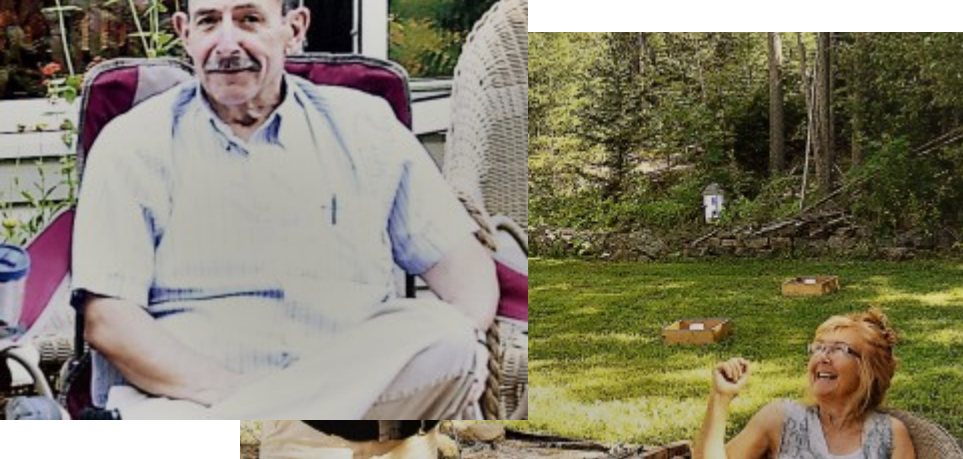
Tentative meeting dates for the 2018-19 year are as follows:

Sep 17 th	Feb 11 th (Feb 11 th is Heritage Day holiday)
Oct 15 th	Mar 18 th
Nov 19 th	Apr 15 th
Dec – TBD	May 13 th (May 20 th is Victoria Day holiday)
Jan 21 st	Jun 17 th (includes AGM)

Meeting wrapped up at 8:40pm.

Date	Name	Book	Author
18. Jun. 2018	Darren Eisan 070BR	Turning Projects	Richard Raffan
18. Jun. 2018	Darren Eisan 076BX	The Woodturners' Workbook	Ray Key
18. Jun. 2018	Darren Eisan 082BD	Woodturning Projects: A Workshop Guide to Shapes	Mark Baker

Photos from the Barbecue









The 2018 Saskatchewan Woodturning Symposium was held from July 20-22 at the



Persephone Theater in Saskatoon, hosted by **The Hub City Turners**.

The presenters were:

Graeme Priddle & Melissa Engler: Myriad of surface treatments; Ammonite Bowl.

Michael Hosaluk: Having Fun with Spindles; Hook Tools and turning end grain; Turning Thin.

Molly Winton: Pyrography Tips and Tricks plus Making Brands Using Nichrome Wire; Making Mini Vessels and Carving Textures; and our own

Steven Kennard: Teardrop Box; Finishing and Embellishment.

With a firm limit of 100 participants and a carefully crafted schedule, the result was an



intimate learning experience. In each session there was time enough for questions to be answered and re-explained as required. The big screen TVs' gave a good view of the action even if the cameras did decide to reset every 10 min. All was taken in stride with humor and efficiency.

The Instant Gallery provided a window on the interests and skills of the attendees. Surface treatment and form seem to be the order of the day.

Refreshments (water, soda, coffee) were available at all times and the catered meals were great. The city of Saskatoon outdid itself providing great weather and festivals to amuse the non turners.

It would be redundant for me to try and cover every aspect of this event. A wonderful write-up has been done by Hub Citys' own **Glen Friesen** .

<http://newsite.hubcityturners.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/SWG-Shavings-September-18-2018-Saskatchewan-Symposium.pdf>

For pictures of the setup and captioned demonstration photos

<http://newsite.hubcityturners.ca/events/turning-symposia-2014-2016/symposium-2018>

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Editor's note: I also attended this symposium and had a grand time, learned lots and got a lot of inspiration. I had attended similar symposia in Saskatchewan a couple of times before, so am now considered a "regular" ;-). At the auction, I managed to win the bid for one of Steven Kennard's teardrop boxes, which I am very much enjoying.

Tentative Calendar of

Date	Subject
September 17, 2018	Financial statement Review Lathe & Workshop Setup & Maintenance Bill Luther
October 15, 2018	Sharpening Turning Tools, Steven Zwerling
November 19, 2018	"2x2" challenge Fitting Boxes: Lids & Liners Steven Kennard
December ?, 2018	Christmas Social
January 21, 2019	Jigs for Segmented Turning Dave McLachlan
February 11, 2019	Finishing Well: Finishes and Sanding TBA
March 18, 2019	Jigs, Fixtures, Hacks & Tips TBA
April 13, 2018	Awards Day Lee Valley

April 15, 2019	Software for Turners Steven Parsons / Gordon Marshall Show & tell – competition pieces
May 13, 2019	Bandsaw Epoxy Inlays Dianne Looker
June 19, 2018	AGM

Our e-mail now reflects a more consistent method of communicating with the various offices in the Nova Woodturners' Guild. The recipients will change as the need arises but a note sent to the president will go to whoever is president at that time. All the following addresses should be followed by @novawoodturnersguild.com to send mail to that person

Position <address>@novawoodturnersguild.com Name Chairperson

ADDRESS

Executive executive (sends the message to all positions on the list)

President	president	Gary Landry	
Vice President	vice-president	Bill Maes	
Secretary	secretary	Calum Ewing	
Treasurer	treasurer	Dave McLachlan	

Members at Large members-at-large Bill Luther

Committees

Library	library	Jim Diamond	C
		Richard Ford	

Website	webmaster	Richard Ford	C
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Membership & Promotion	membership-chair	Brian Larter	C
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Newsletter	newsletter	Dianne Looker	C
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Competition		Dave McLachlan	C
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Guild Photographer

Chris Palmer

Fund Raising

Norm Jolivet (Raffles) Yogi Gutz

Nominating

Vacant

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